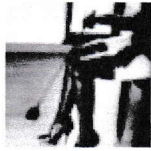


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In which I rant yet again and bear with me this will be long and tedious even by my standards: In a former professional life, I worked for a firm that did plaintiff side personal injury. We had a fairly decent size Federal practice due to handling tractor trailer litigation.

Under the FRCP, there are mandatory disclosures that must be made by both parties without the need for formal discovery requests. These disclosures are for basic information on witnesses, documents to be used in defense, copies of insurance policies and the like.

The purpose of these mandatory disclosures was to insure that parties did not have to waste any of their 25 interrogatory limit on such information and to keep the parties from coming to court to ask for an order expanding discovery limits to get this information.

A decent amount of my job involved motions practice to force defendants to comply with these disclosures because defendants just didn't do it and forced us to go to court. Judges HATE discovery disputes because they are, nearly always, stupid childish games being played.

For years I was adamant that our firm would meet our Rule 26 disclosure requirements no matter what the defendants did because they are the rules of civil procedure, not the suggestions, and because must provide means must, not eh if you like it.

I was adamant about this right up to the day that I wasn't. Because one day I snapped and that's it. We're going to abide by the de facto rules, not the de jure ones and it's actually a disservice to our clients to abide by the rules when the defendants aren't required to do so.

I got sick of judges yelling at us for going in for the fifth order demanding disclosure when the reason we were there is the defendants had ignored the prior four orders to provide the required information. I got sick of being played for an utter fool.

So we started playing by the rules the defendants did and when a lawyer for a defense firm, a firm that was notorious for refusing to provide information, called up and demanded the disclosures and threatened to get sanctions if we didn't abide, I told him go ahead and do it.

And when they did it, you know what I did? I copied, word for word, a brief in opposition to the motion that they'd filed against us two years before when we'd tried to get the disclosures. I did put a link in the footnote to the docket entry where defense had filed that brief.

Defense counsel was livid, utterly livid, that we'd done this. The response? Hey, if you thought it was good law then, why are you saying it's not good law now? None of your

cases have been overturned. It's still all good precedent. Or does your position only apply to you?

I would hope by now it is incredibly obvious why I bring this up. I am disgusted, to my core, of being condescended to that I am lacking in moral character and moral principle for noting that there are de facto ways in which norms and rules are applied and I will play by those.

I spent decades, decades after decades, screaming into the void that playing Will to Power was going to end terribly. I. Lost. I lost. It is all pure Will to Power now and you know what? Since those are the de facto rules, then I am going to play to win, good and hard.

If you want to know why I don't care about Trump supposedly having told Cohen to pay to make a negative story disappear during a campaign, that's because I'm not a child who believes that **OMG NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER DONE THAT EVER IN THE HISTORY OF EVER!** John Edwards says hi.

Am I to pretend that Newsweek didn't spike the story about Monica Lewinsky? Am I to pretend that John Edwards didn't pay someone else to claim that they were the father of his child? I could go on and on. It insults my intelligence to claim that this is something only Trump did.

If you want to know why I don't care that I'm now forced to play Will to Power merely to protect myself, then I have a name for you. Jack Phillips. You want another one? Lon Horiuchi. Another? Sandy Berger. Another? Janet Reno. You want me to keep going? Because I can.

Will to Power is a stupid, stupid game and we are all winning the exact stupid, stupid prizes I spent decades yowling that we would. But Will to Power is the game that is being played and I will NOT, under no circumstances whatsoever, be forced to play under different rules.

The more that you condescend to me about how much morally better you are, the more I assume that you are not only willing but eager to throw me into the untouchable caste where I will have no right to defend myself.

No. No to all of that. I will play by the de facto rules. And I will play to win. And if you don't like it? Sit down. Shut up. Get out of the way. Because you're not upholding any grand moral virtue. You are throwing me into outer darkness. And I will damn you as I go.

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Know that her conclusion – to live by and play by the rules set by her opponents – applies to all traditional Americans. The country of your birth is gone. You have no chance of restoring that place on a national basis. You will be challenged enough to establish and maintain that place within your 500-meter inner perimeter. But that task at least is feasible. Lose your illusions. They will get you killed.